

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William H. Bollman (Reg. No. 36457) on 6/6/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

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- Claim 1, delete "adapted" in line ⁹~~8~~, and line ¹²~~11~~.
 - Claim 14, delete "13" in line ³~~2~~ and insert "11" after "claim".
 - Claim 21, delete "20" in line ³~~2~~ and insert "18" after "claim"
 - ✓ Claim 25, delete "adapted" in line 4, line 6 and line 10.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H. TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3172. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHI PHAM can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for transmitting a plurality of localized information streams within a single general digital audio broadcast channel, comprising:

at least one local audio content source to provide a plurality of local content source information streams associated with a plurality of local broadcast identifying codes, each of said plurality of local broadcast identifying codes each relating to a local geographic area within a general broadcast area serviced by said system;

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a formatting module ~~adapted~~ to insert said plurality of local broadcast identifying codes into respective ones of said plurality of local content source information streams; and

a digital radio transmitter ~~adapted~~ to transmit data packets each containing at least one of said plurality of local broadcast identifying codes and at least a portion of one of said plurality of local content source information streams;

wherein at least one of said plurality of local broadcast identifying codes is contained in a header of each data packet transmitted by said transmitter.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The system for transmitting a plurality of localized information streams within a single ~~common~~ general digital audio broadcast channel according to claim 1, wherein:

said transmitter transmits said data packets in a time division multiplex scheme.

11. (currently amended) A method for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single channel, comprising:

associating at least one of a plurality of unique local broadcast identifying codes with each of a plurality of local content information streams, each of said unique local broadcast identifying codes being associated with a local geographic area within a general broadcast area; and

transmitting a digital radio signal over said single channel, said digital radio signal comprising a plurality of data packets each containing one of said plurality of content information streams and an associated one of said plurality of unique local broadcast identifying codes;

wherein at least one of said plurality of unique local broadcast identifying codes are included in respective header portions of said data packets.

12. (currently amended) The method for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single ~~common~~ channel according to claim 11, wherein:

said local content information streams are each a digital audio broadcast information stream.

13. (canceled)

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14. (currently amended) The method for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single ~~common~~ channel according to claim ~~13~~, wherein:

said general broadcast area is nationwide.

15. (currently amended) The method for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single ~~common~~ channel according to claim 11, further comprising:

formatting data packets for each of said plurality of local content information streams.

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21. (currently amended) The apparatus for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single ~~common~~ channel according to claim ¹⁸~~20~~, wherein:

said general broadcast area is nationwide.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single ~~common~~ channel according to claim 18, further comprising:

means for formatting data packets for each of said plurality of local content information streams.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) The apparatus for transmitting a plurality of local broadcast information streams within a single ~~common~~ channel according to claim 18, wherein:

said common channel is a digital audio broadcast channel.

25. (currently amended) An information stream combiner for a single channel of a digital audio broadcast transmitter, comprising:

a local audio content source;

a module adapted to packetize said local audio content source;

a local broadcast identifying code storage element; and

a processor adapted to insert a local identifying code relating to a local geographic area within a general broadcast area, said local identifying code being obtained from said local broadcast identifying code storage element into each data packet containing at least a portion of said local audio content source;

wherein said processor is further adapted to insert said local identifying code into a header portion of each data packet.

26. (canceled)